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out ; preferred its own cell to a fresh one ; devoured a part which was quite dry ; about July 4th or 5th, closed the opening of its cell with a mixture of dust of straw and a cement, and besmeared it throughout great part of its extent with a black substance ; remained quiescent and apparently feeble till July 7th ; and between the 7th and 9th escaped, leaving a hole of sufficient size for its passage in the paper cover of a bottle, and no visible skin in its former abode.

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STATED MEETING, JULY 20, 1841.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Monograph of the Lymniades of North America. By S. Stehman Haldeman. 8vo. 1841.—From the author.

History of British Zoophytes. By George Johnston, M. D. 8vo. Edinburgh, 1838.—From Dr. Morton.

DONATIONS TO CABINET.

A series of fourteen specimens of *Unio quadrulus*, showing the growth of the shell at different ages. (Variety *lachrymosus*, Lea.) *U. lens*, six specimens. *U. siliquoideus*, five specimens. *Anodonta pavonia*, three specimens. All in remarkable perfection.—From Mr. J. G. Anthony, of Cincinnati, through Mr. Phillips.

*Io spinosus*, Tennessee.—From Dr. Troost.

*Conus princeps*, and three specimens of *Helix Sayi*, (Binney,) from Mr. J. S. Phillips.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.—A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Anthony, in reference to the shells presented by him this evening, with a proffer of further services.

A letter was also read from Prof. Del Rio, of the city of Mexico, enclosing a communication from Mr. Joseph Murguitro, describing a new mode of mining and blasting rocks. Referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Chaloner, Booth and Lukins.

Dr. B. H. Coates stated that Miss Morris had seen a Tipulide fly in the act of placing her eggs on or in a grain of wheat. This fly and these eggs she had in good preservation. On comparing it with Le Sueur's drawing, she could see no difference, except that the antennæ were not quite so long, and that the small nerves of the wings were more clearly defined and strongly marked. She had also found a flaxseed pupa in the cavity of the straw, with no hole, crack or visible mark where the larva could have entered. This pupa she has examined with a microscope, and she can detect no difference in it from that on the outside. This too she has carefully preserved.

These important facts and specimens may, in the conviction of Miss M., either prove her previous views correct, or that there are two species of this destructive pest.

Mr. Phillips submitted the following memorandum, which was read and ordered to be printed in the Society's proceedings.

In consequence of inquiries from different persons of the date of publication of the papers in the early volumes of the journal of this Institution, I have searched for the numbers as published with their original envelopes, bearing the date of the month of publication, and have been so successful as to find a complete series. As the covers of the numbers are thrown aside by the binder, and very few sets of the journal remain in their original form, I have prepared a list of the dates, in order that naturalists may be at no loss

in future to determine the claim of originality to descriptions of species, by the rule now most generally admitted, viz. priority of the date of publication.

The date of publication of the monthly issues of the first volume are printed in and bound up with the text.

## VOL. II.

Pages	1 to 32	published	January	1821.
"	33 to 64	"	February,	"
"	65 to 96	"	March,	"
"	97 to 128	"	October,	"
"	129 to 160	"	November,	"
"	161 to 192	"	December,	"
"	193 to 224	"	June,	1822.
"	225 to 256	"	July,	"
"	257 to 288	"	August,	"
"	289 to 320	"	September,	"
"	321 to 352	"	November,	"
"	353 to 408	"	December,	"

## VOL. III.

Pages	1 to 32	published	April,	1823.
"	33 to 64	"	May,	"
"	65 to 96	"	June,	"
"	97 to 128	"	July,	"
"	129 to 160	"	October,	"
"	161 to 192	"	November,	"
"	193 to 224	"	December,	"
"	225 to 256	"	January,	1824.
"	257 to 288	"	February,	"
"	289 to 320	"	March,	"
"	321 to 352	"	April 5,	"
"	353 to 384	"	April 27,	"
"	385 to 416	"	May,	"
"	417 to 480	"	June,	"

## VOL. IV.

Pages	1 to 32	published	July,	1824.
"	33 to 64	"	August,	"
"	65 to 96	"	August,	"
"	97 to 128	"	November,	"
"	129 to 160	"	November 30,	"
"	161 to 200	"	December,	"
"	201 to 232	"	January,	1825.
"	233 to 264	"	February,	"
"	265 to 296	"	March 15,	"
"	297 to 328	"	March 28,	"
"	329 to 360	"	April,	"
"	361 to 407	"	May,	"

## VOL. V.

Pages	1 to 32	published	June,	1825.
"	33 to 64	"	July,	"
"	65 to 128	"	August,	"
"	129 to 204	"	December,	"
"	207 to 228	"	February,	1826.
"	229 to 260	"	November,	"
"	261 to 292	"	November,	"
"	293 to 324	"	December,	"
"	325 to 410	"	February,	1827.

## VOL. VI.

Pages	1 to 38	published	March,	1827.
"	39 to 56	"	June,	"
"	57 to 106	"	February,	1828.
"	107 to 178	"	July,	1829.
"	179 to 244	"	August,	1830.
"	245 to 327	"	April,	1831.

The remainder of the Journal is published in half volumes.